

## ABSTRACT

An RNA neuropathic element is provided that is produces motor neuron degeneration in animals. Methods are provided for identifying components of RNA-protein complexes that can prevent motor neuron degeneration.

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